

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PIKE COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO,
Plaintiff

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Case No. 2019 CR 000068

Vs.

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Judge Randy D. Deering

Charles S. Reader,
Defendant

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INDICTMENT

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The jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Pike, on their oaths, in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, do find and present that:

COUNT ONE

CHARLES READER, on or about December 20, 2018, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, knowing that an official proceeding or investigation was in progress, or is about to be or likely to be instituted, did make, present, or use any record, document, or thing, knowing it to be false and with purpose to mislead a public official who is or may be engaged in such proceeding or investigation, or with purpose to corrupt the outcome of any such proceeding or investigation in violation of Section 2921.12(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Tampering with Evidence- A felony of the third degree

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COUNT TWO

CHARLES READER, on or about December 20, 2018, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, knowing he had no

privilege to do so, and with purpose to defraud or knowing that he was facilitating a fraud, did utter a writing or record, knowing it to be tampered with, the writing or record being kept by or belonging to a local government entity in violation of Section 2913.42(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Tampering with Records- A felony of the third degree

COUNT THREE

CHARLES READER, on or about December 20, 2018, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did knowingly commit a theft offense, to wit: Tampering with Records, in violation of Section 2913.42 of the Ohio Revised Code, CHARLES READER having used his office in aid of committing the offense, when the value of the property or services stolen is one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more and is less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), in violation of Section 2921.41(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Theft in Office- A felony of the fourth degree

COUNT FOUR

CHARLES READER, on or about August 19, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did recklessly use or authorize the use of the authority or influence of his office to secure a thing of value, to wit: a 2013 Nissan Versa,

that thing of value being of such character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon CHARLES READER with respect to his duties, in violation of Section 102.03(D) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Conflict of Interest- A misdemeanor of the first degree

COUNT FIVE

CHARLES READER, during a period of time beginning August 19, 2017 through November 9, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, by deception, did cause another to execute a writing, to wit: title to a 2013 Nissan Versa, that disposed of or encumbered property, the value of the property or the obligation involved being one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more and less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) in violation of Section 2913.43(A) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Securing Writings by Deception- A felony of the fifth degree

COUNT SIX

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CHARLES READER, during a period of time beginning August 19, 2017 and ending November 9, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did knowingly commit a theft offense, to wit: Securing Writings by Deception, in violation of Section 2913.43 of the Ohio Revised Code, CHARLES READER having used his office in aid of committing the offense, when the value of the

property or services stolen is one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more and is less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), in violation of Section 2921.41(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Theft in Office- A felony of the fourth degree

COUNT SEVEN

CHARLES READER, on or about August 19, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, and with purpose to deprive the owner of property or services, did knowingly obtain or exert control over the said property or services by deception, when the value of the property or services stolen is one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more and is less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), in violation of Section 2913.02(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Theft- A felony of the fifth degree

COUNT EIGHT

CHARLES READER, on or about August 19, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did knowingly commit a theft offense, to wit: Theft, in violation of Section 2913.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, CHARLES READER having used his office in aid of committing the offense, when the value of the property or services stolen is one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more and is less than seven

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thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), in violation of Section 2921.41(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Theft in Office- A felony of the fourth degree

COUNT NINE

CHARLES READER, on or about August 19, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did recklessly use or authorize the use of the authority or influence of his office to secure a thing of value, to wit: a 1991 Chevrolet Silverado, that thing of value being of such character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon **CHARLES READER** with respect to his duties, in violation of Section 102.03(D) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Conflict of Interest- A misdemeanor of the first degree

COUNT TEN

CHARLES READER, between the time period of August 19, 2017 through December 15, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, and with purpose to deprive the owner of property or services, did knowingly obtain or exert control over the said property or services by deception, when the value of the property or services stolen is less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), in violation of Section 2913.02(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Theft- A misdemeanor of the first degree

COUNT ELEVEN

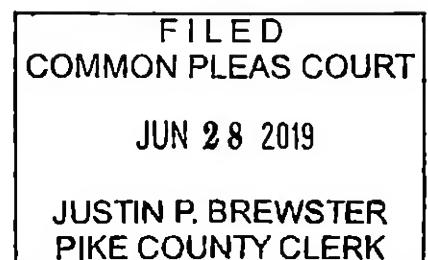
CHARLES READER, between the time period of August 19, 2017 through December 15, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did knowingly commit a theft offense, to wit: Theft, in violation of Section 2913.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, CHARLES READER having used his office in aid of committing the offense, when the value of the property or services stolen is less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), in violation of Section 2921.41(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Theft in Office- A felony of the fifth degree

COUNT TWELVE

CHARLES READER, on or about June 26, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did recklessly solicit or accept a thing of value, to wit: did request and/or accept a loan of \$1,500.00 from William Stansberry, Jr. who, at the time, was an employee of the Pike County Sheriff's Office, that thing of value being of such character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon CHARLES READER with respect to his duties, in violation of Section 102.03(E) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Conflict of Interest- A misdemeanor of the first degree



COUNT THIRTEEN

CHARLES READER, on or about October 18, 2017, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did recklessly solicit or accept a thing of value, to wit: did request and/or accept a loan of \$1,000.00 from Frederick L. Foill III who, at the time, was a vendor of Pike County, that thing of value being of such character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon CHARLES READER with respect to his duties, in violation of Section 102.03(E) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Conflict of Interest- A misdemeanor of the first degree

COUNT FOURTEEN

CHARLES READER, during a period of time beginning May 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2018, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did recklessly solicit or accept a thing of value, to wit: did request and/or accept a loan of \$2,500.00 from Ryan Bentley who, at the time, was an employee of the Pike County Sheriff's Office, that thing of value being of such character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon CHARLES READER with respect to his duties, in violation of Section 102.03(E) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Conflict of Interest- A misdemeanor of the first degree

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COUNT FIFTEEN

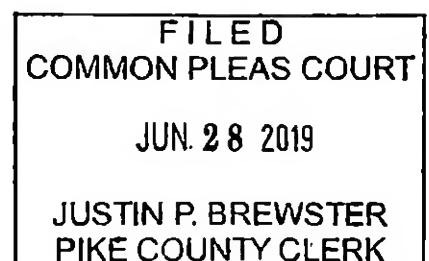
CHARLES READER, on or about August 7, 2018, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did recklessly solicit or accept a thing of value, to wit: did request and/or accept a loan of \$2,000.00 from Jim Dixon who, at the time, was an employee of the Pike County Sheriff's office, that thing of value being of such character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon CHARLES READER with respect to his duties, in violation of Section 102.03(E) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Conflict of Interest- A misdemeanor of the first degree

COUNT SIXTEEN

CHARLES READER, on or about August 26, 2018, at the County of Pike, and in the State of Ohio, or by some manner enumerated in Section 2901.12 of the Ohio Revised Code whereby proper venue is placed in the County of Pike, in his capacity as a public official, to wit: Sheriff of Pike County, Ohio, did recklessly solicit or accept a thing of value, to wit: did request and/or accept a loan of \$2,000.00 from Frederick L. Foill III who, at the time, was a vendor of Pike County, that thing of value being of such character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon CHARLES READER with respect to his duties, in violation of Section 102.03(E) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Conflict of Interest- A misdemeanor of the first degree



Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace
and dignity of the State of Ohio.

Robert F. Smith

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Special Prosecuting Attorney

A True Bill:

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